

The perceived unfairness in the broadcast of Sinclair Broadcast Group's "documentary" about John Kerry contributes mightily to the continuing sense that partisan government officials and big business are in league to run things to their advantage.

Your decision not to intervene is contributing to a breakdown in civility in this country, a process that ultimately can and will lead to a breakdown in our system. Democracy only works, history has shown, when people feel their opinion is fairly heard, and their concerns are fairly considered.

People in the media have, in recent years, contributed to a growing perception that there is no freedom of speech in America any longer. It takes money, power, and influence to make your voice heard, and a majority of us do not have enough of these to get our message across.

Allowing the wealthy to buy media outlets, and to openly and brazenly use them to promote their personal viewpoints, will only continue our drift toward tremendous frustration and the violent clashes it promotes.

Furthermore, a press (including the electronic media) that loses its credibility will not be in a position to mitigate misunderstandings and suspicions, because no one will trust what it says.

Those who make decisions based on allowing their personal allies or favorites to win at any cost to our democracy will bear the responsibility when the payments come due.